

SA1135461

Otto Von Thoren, Pastoral Landscape With Farmer Crossing A Ford - Antique Oil Painting

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1135461****Date of manufacture: 1880**

Dimensions

Height = 72 cm (28.3")

Width = 108 cm (42.5")

Depth = 7 cm (2.8")

Description

This late 19th-century oil painting by Austrian artist Otto von Thoren (1828-1889) depicts three horses pulling a cart across a shallow ford. Von Thoren was a celebrated painter of landscapes and portraits who became an elected member of three leading academies. The sound of weighty hooves landing in water is near-audible as a passing breeze saturates the lungs. Verdant pasture, amplified by a recent downpour, shimmers underfoot while cattle graze. The voluminous sky is vast and endless. Born in Vienna, a city abundant with masterpieces, von Thoren developed a skill for drawing from an early age. He was evidently from a family of considerable means as his first significant role was as a 'cuirassier captain' in the Hungarian military. Cuirassiers were mounted calvary equipped with a cuirass (armour), sword, and pistols. Théodore Géricault's 'A Charge of Cuirassiers' (1822/1823) depicts the French equivalent. Von Thoren was indebted to his faithful steed and unquestionably developed a close bond with horses as a result of his service. These early experiences contributed to his success as a painter of animals, and he carried with him a nuanced appreciation of their charact...

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